

MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION (MPERA)

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**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 19-17-401, et seq., MCA (see reverse), I am applying for retirement from active service.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RETIRING MEMBER

(Please Print or Type)

1. Name _____ SSN _____

2. Date of Birth _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

****Attach copy of birth certificate**

3. Home Address _____
(Street or PO Box)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

4. Name of Beneficiary _____ Date of Birth _____
(Spouse or Children-under age 18)

Beneficiary's SSN _____ Relationship _____

5. Anticipated Date of Retirement _____

6. Last Year of Credited Service: June 30, _____

7. List all Fire Companies You Served with _____

8. Fire Company Retiring From _____

9. TERMINATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that this individual has terminated service with the above named fire company or will terminate service as of the above date.

Signature of District Fire Chief

Date

Signature of Member

Date

MPERA USE ONLY	
<i>Ret#</i>	_____
<i>Agency#</i>	_____
<i>Eff Date</i>	_____
<i>Bnft Amt</i>	_____
<i>Aprv</i>	_____
<i>Prior to 65 svc</i>	_____
<i>After 65 service</i>	_____
<i>Total SCM</i>	_____

ELIGIBILITY FOR PENSION BENEFITS

A volunteer firefighter is eligible for a full pension benefit (\$150 per month) after completing 20 years of service and attaining age 55. A member does not have to be an active member of a volunteer company when age 55 is attained.

A volunteer firefighter who is at least 55 years of age, has 20 years of service, continues to work as a volunteer firefighter, and meets eligibility requirements will increase their future pension benefit by \$7.50 per month for each additional year of service earned after July 1, 2003, up to a maximum of 30 years of total service.

A volunteer firefighter with at least ten years, but less than 20 years, of service is eligible for partial pension benefits after attaining age 60.

Monthly benefits paid to a survivor will equal the member's full or partial pension benefit or disability benefit. Survivorship benefits are limited to 40 months, including any benefit paid to the member before death. If a member receives benefits for 40 months before death, no survivorship benefit is available. At the request of the survivor, a lump sum payment for the survivorship benefit may be made instead of the monthly benefit payments.

*The years of service are cumulative and need not be continuous. The service may be acquired through separate periods of service with different fire companies. Fractional years may **not** count toward service retirement. To receive credit for any year, the volunteer firefighter must have been a member for an entire year **and** must have received the minimum 30 hours of instructional training. These two requirements are documented through the filing of **Annual Certificates**. Each fire company is responsible for filing the certificates with the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA) on a yearly basis.*

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